

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following paragraph before the first sentence of the application at page 1, line 1:

This application claims the benefit of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/014106 filed on December 12, 2003 under 35 U.S.C. §371, entitled, "Method and Plant for the Heat Treatment of Solids Containing Iron Oxide" which claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 102 60 731.1 filed on December 23, 2002.